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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Roger READ, et al.)
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For: PRODUCTION OF FURANONES)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 21.

Please amend claims 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24 as follows:

Claim 17, line 2, change "any one of claims 6 to 16" to -- claim 6--;

Claim 18, lines 12 and 13, change "arylalkyl," to --arylalkyl.-- and delete the remainder of the sentence;

Claim 19, line 2, change "compound of claim 18." to --compound.--;